(a) what are the details of the Post Office Monthly Income Scheme;

(b) whether there is any proposal to involve unemployed youth in such schemes and their propagation; and

(c) if so, in what way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Under the Post Office Monthly Income Scheme, an individual may open more than one a/c. In an account there shall be only one deposit of Rs. six thousand or multiples thereof not exceeding Rs. two lakhs four thousand in case of single account and Rupees four lakhs eight thousand in case of joint account. Interest on deposit is 13 per cent per annum payable monthly alongwith bonus equal to 10 per cent of deposit on maturity. Facility of prematurti withdrawal, nomination and Tax concession under Section 80L of Income Tax Act is also available. Maturity period of the scheme is six years from the date of opening. In case of death of depositor before maturity, a/c may be closed and deposit refunded with interest to the nominee or the legal heir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to involve unemployed youths. However, Agents are appointed for mobilising deposits under the scheme and commission is paid @ 1 per cent of deposits secured through them.

Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat

23. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to use ultra modern fibre for linking some telecom exchanges in Surat, Bharuch, Panch-Mahal and Vadodara Districts in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of exchanges which were to have modern wiring system;

(c) whether it is a fact that even rural and tribal areas in these Districts with STD facilities/services are not getting optimum service; and

(d) if so, the measures proposed to modernise the whole telecom. system in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Following Telephone Exchanges (District-wise) have already been connected by reliable Transmission media (Coaxial, Optical Fibre Cable, and UHF/ Microwave Systems.

Name of District	Name of Exchange	Type of media
Godhra (Panch Mahal) .	Godhra	Optical Fibre
	Derol	,,
	Kalol (Derol)	,,
	Dahod	,,
	Lunawada	UHF
	Shahera	,,
	Timba Road	,,
Bharuch . .	Bharuch	Microwave
	Ankleshwar	Optical Fibre

Name of District	Name of Exchange	Type of media
	Rajpipla	UHF
	Kevidia Colony	,,
	Netrang	,,
	Valia	,,
	Kondh	PCM
	Hansot	UHF
	Panoli	,,
	Dahej	Microwave
	Jambusar	UHF
	Amod	PCM
	Palej	Interstice System
Surat	Surat	OFC
	Olpad	UHF
	Mandvi	,,
	Barbodhan	,,
	Nijjar	,,
	Kamrej	Interstice System
	Sungarh	,,
	Valad	,,
	Bajipura	PCM
	Sarbon	,,
	Varad	,,
	Annumala	,,
Vadodara	Baroda	Optical Fibre
	Pore	UHF
	Padra	,,
	Savli	,,
	Nandsari	,,
	Dabol	,,
	Waghodia	OFC
	Bodoli	,,
	Sankeda	,,
	Pavi Jetpur	,,

(b) (ii) Following Telephone Ex- changes are planned to be connected with Modern Fibre (OFC)/Microwave System during 1994-95 and 1995-96.

Name of District	Name of Exchange	Type of Media
Godhra (Panch Mahal)	Jhalod	UHF
	Limkheda	OFC
	Devgad Bariya	,,
	Santrampur	,,
	Piplod	,,
Bharuch	Palej	OFC
	Zanor	UHF
	Panoli	OFC
Surat	Hazira	OFC
	Bardoli	,,
	Kadodara	,,
	Vyara	,,
	Nahuwa	UHF
	Sayan	,,
	Okai Songarh	PCM
	Kim	OFC
	Kosamba	UHF
	Mangrol	,,
	Sachin	OFC & UHF
	Dumas	OFC
Vadodara	Naswari	UHF
	Tilakwada	,,
	Jarod	,,
	Miyagaon-Karjan	,,
	Sinor	,,

(c) Yes, Sir. Stations connected on open wire for STD Services are not getting optimum service.

(d) For such exchanges reliable media such as OFC, UHF etc. are being planned and provided progressively.

Telephone consumer services in Madhya Pradesh

24. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued directions and maintenance of telephone lines and telephone consumer services in the tribal and rural areas of Madhya Pradesh during 1994-95;

(b) if so, what measures/steps have been taken in this regard;